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Report on Joint Meeting of Political Com., CC., WPK and DPRK Central People's Com.

A joint meeting of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Central People's Committee of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was held on August 2.

The meeting was presided over by the great leader of our Party and our people Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

It was attended by the Members and Alternate Members of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Party, Secretaries of the Central Committee of the Party, and Members of the Central People's Committee.

It heard a report on the activities of the delegation of our country which had attended the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Non-Aligned Countries held in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, between July 25 and 30.

At the meeting the great leader of our Party and our people Comrade Kim Il Sung assessed the results of the Belgrade Foreign Ministers' Conference and made an important concluding speech on the problems facing the non-aligned movement.

The meeting pointed out that though it was held under a very complicated situation, the Belgrade Conference successfully concluded its discussion of the agenda items and achieved a great victory which contributes to the development of the non-aligned movement and to its unity and cohesion.

On the eve of the Conference the dominationist forces including imperialism manoeuvred more viciously than ever before to split and disorganise the non-aligned movement. They even declared that the non-aligned movement would collapse in Belgrade, its cradleland.

But, contrary to the expectations of the imperialists, the Belgrade Conference did not disrupt or miscarry but demonstrated unity and cohesion.

There is the difference among the non-aligned countries in social system, religion and faith and tribe, and their interests are varied. Hence, there may be differences of views among them.

There was some controversy in the discussion of the agenda items at the Conference. This, however, did not mean the weakening of the non-aligned movement but afforded an example showing that democracy is displayed in this movement.

The whole course of the Conference convincingly proved that the spirit of unity prevails over a tendency toward split.

The Conference adopted with unanimous approval a declaration and action programme which serve as a joint guideline in opposing imperialism, old and new colonialism, racism and dominationism, defending independence and developing and strengthening the non-aligned movement.

The meeting warmly hailed the successful conclusion of the Foreign Ministers' Conference, pointing out that it constitutes a blow at the imperialist and dominationist forces and a victory for the forces opposing imperialism and advocating independence.

Referring to the fact that the Belgrade Conference expressed full support and solidarity for the Korean people's cause of national reunification, the meeting said:

Unanimous agreement was reached on the paragraph on the Korean question which is included in the declaration of the Conference.

Very precious to us is such support of the governments and peoples of the non-aligned countries to the policy of our Party and the Government of our Republic for independent and peaceful reunification.

In particular, the Asian countries took concerted action in supporting the cause of Korean reunification. This is a splendid symbol of unity and cooperation and patent proof that the relations of friendship existing between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Asian countries are developing excellently with each passing day.

We highly appraise and welcome the spirit of unity and cooperation displayed by Asian countries in the discussion of the Korean question.

Our Party and the Government of our Republic express deep thanks to the governments and peoples of all the non-aligned countries which voiced support and solidarity for the cause of Korean reunification at the Conference.

The meeting stressed that the policy adopted by our Party and the Government of our Republic with regard to the problems discussed at the Belgrade Conference was correct, and said as follows in conclusion:

As a mighty anti-imperialist revolutionary force of our time, the non-aligned movement will continue to advance dynamically, overcoming all trials, and the common cause of this movement will certainly be crowned with victory.

Firmly joining hands as ever with the governments and peoples of all other non-aligned countries, the DPRK Government and the Korean people will advocate independence and defend the lofty idea and principle of the non-aligned movement.

As an immediate task, the DPRK Government will fully discharge its duty in implementing the declaration and action programme adopted at the Belgrade Foreign Ministers' Conference and thus positively contribute to the common cause of the non-aligned countries.

The joint meeting recognized that the delegation of our country to the Belgrade Foreign Ministers' Conference had conducted its activities in accord with the policy of our Party and the Government of our Republic for the development and strengthening of the non-aligned movement.

Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Meets Foreign Guests

Del. of Malagasy Ministry of Public Works and Housing

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung on July 28 met the delegation of the Ministry of Public Works and Housing of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar.

Present on the occasion were the members of the delegation headed by Bruno Rakotomavo, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Vanguard of Madagascar and Minister of Public Works and Housing.

On hand were personages concerned Chong Song Nam and Kil Jae Gyong.

Malagasy Ambassador to the DPRK Rakotofiringa Crescent Solohery was also present.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had a talk with the guests in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

New Guinean Ambassador

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung on July 28 met Daouda Kourouma, new Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea to the DPRK.

Present on the occasion was personage concerned Kil Jae Gyong.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had a talk with the ambassador in an atmosphere of cordiality and friendship.

Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Sends Gifts

To Congolese President

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung sent a gift to Joachim Yhomby-Opango, President of the People's Republic of the Congo.

Li In Gyu, DPRK Ambassador to the Congo, on July 22 courteously conveyed the cordial regards from President Kim Il Sung and the film "Visit to Korea of the Party and State Delegation of the People's Republic of the Congo", his gift, to the Congolese President, according to a report.

The President expressed deep thanks for the cordial regards and gift and asked the ambassador to convey his cordial greetings to President Kim Il Sung.

He recalled his visit to Korea, saying that the gift of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is an eternal keepsake of his historic meeting with him and his visit to fraternal Korea and a symbol of friendship between the parties and states of the Congo and Korea.

He also expressed deep thanks for the warm hospitality accorded him by President Kim Il Sung during his visit to Korea. I extend most heartfelt thanks to him, he said.

The talk proceeded in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

To Venezuelan President

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung sent a gift to President Carlos Andres Perez of the Republic of Venezuela.

Li In Chun, DPRK Ambassador to Venezuela, on July 17 courteously conveyed the cordial regards and gift from President Kim Il Sung to the Venezuelan President, according to a report.

The President expressed deep thanks for the cordial greetings and gift and asked the ambassador to convey his heartfelt thanks to President Kim Il Sung.

He expressed high appreciation of the successes registered by the Korean people in the revolution and construction under the wise guidance of President Kim Il Sung and stressed that the definite advance made by the Korean people in so a very short period is a miraculous success and fact.

Saying that he was always apprehensive of the creation of "two Koreas", he stressed: The question of Korean reunification must be solved peacefully under all circumstances.

The right of the people to self-determination must be guaranteed, he said.

The talk proceeded in a friendly atmosphere.

TELEGRAMS

✦ The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the DPRK, received a message of greetings from His Excellency **Dominic Mintoff**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Malta, on the occasion of the glorious day of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War against the US aggressors.

✦ The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the DPRK, received a message of solidarity from **Robert G. Mugabe**, President of the Zimbabwe African National Union and Co-Chairman of the Zimbabwe Patriotic Front, on the occasion of the "month of joint struggle for supporting the Korean people's efforts for national reunification".

✦ The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the DPRK, received a message from His Excellency **Ahmad Hassan al-Bakr**, President of the Republic of Iraq, in reply to his message of greetings sent on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the July 14 Revolution and the 10th anniversary of the victory in the July 17 Revolution in Iraq.

✦ The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK and President of the DPRK, received a message from His Excellency **Manuel Pinto da Costa**, General Secretary of the Liberation Movement of Sao Tome and Principe and President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, in reply to his message of greetings sent on the occasion of the 3rd anniversary of the independence of Sao Tome and Principe and the proclamation of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.

✦ The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the DPRK, received a message from His Excellency **France Albert Rene**, President of the Republic of Seychelles, in reply to his message of greetings sent on the occasion of the liberation day of Seychelles.

WELCOME THREE PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE, PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION AND GREAT NATIONAL UNITY

Declaration of Conference of Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries Supports Korean People's Cause of Independent National Reunification

Belgrade Conference Closes with Success

The Plenary Session of the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Non-Aligned Countries on July 30 unanimously adopted a declaration containing a paragraph expressing full support and firm solidarity for the struggle of the Korean people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

The attendants of the Conference expressed unanimous support and approval for the paragraph on the Korean question included in the Declaration of the Conference.

Thus, the paragraph was OK'd without amendment.

Follows the full text of the paragraph:

The conference observed with concern that despite the wishes of the Korean people for the peaceful reunification of their fatherland, Korea continues to remain divided, creating a tense situation which is a potential threat to peace.

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs reject all attempts to divide Korea into two parts as being contrary to the desire of the Korean people.

The Ministers welcome the stand of the Korean people in their efforts to realize the independent and peaceful reunification of their country, free from any outside interference, in keeping with the three principles of independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity, set out in the Joint North-South Statement of July 4, 1972.

The Conference calls upon all countries to respect the desire of the Korean people for peaceful reunification and expresses the hope that the fulfilment of this desire will be assisted by the withdrawal of all foreign troops, the dissolution of the United Nations Command, the dismantling of all foreign military bases and other foreign military installations in south Korea and replacement of the Armistice Agreement by a lasting peace agreement, taking into account the interests of all the Korean people and the free expression of their will.

The Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Non-Aligned Countries which opened in Belgrade on July 25, closed on July 30 after successfully discussing the items on the agenda.

The Conference made a great contribution to inspiring the people in their struggle to check and frustrate the machinations of imperialism, old and new colonialism, racism and all other dominationist forces that are trying to divide and disintegrate the non-aligned movement from within and bring the non-aligned countries under their control, to safeguard unity and cohesion of this movement, oppose the aggression of imperialists and colonialists and to build a new society.

And it marked an important occasion in the struggle of the people to oppose the imperialists' scheme to exploit and plunder the non-aligned countries, developing countries, in the field of the economy and establish a new international economic order.

The recent Belgrade Conference summed up and evaluated the international situation created after the previous conference, discussed the problem of strengthening the unity and cohesion of the non-aligned countries, the problem of establishing a new international economic order and other important international problems confronting the non-aligned movement at present and adopted with unanimous approval a declaration containing a paragraph expressing full support and firm solidarity for the Korean people in the struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country and an action programme.

The unanimous adoption of the declaration was a striking demonstration of the validity and invincible vitality of the policy of national reunification advanced by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The Conference adopted resolutions on the Middle East and the Palestinian question.

At the Conference representatives of the Asian, African, Latin American and European regions made congratulatory speeches in connection with its successful conclusion.

DPRK Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Ho Dam who had made a speech at the opening session on behalf of the non-aligned countries in the Asian region again made a congratulatory speech in the same capacity.

The Conference adopted a message of thanks to Josip Broz Tito, President of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Josip Urhovec, Chairman of the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Non-Aligned Countries and Federal Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia, delivered a closing address.

The Conference decided on holding the 6th Summit Conference of Non-Aligned Countries in Havana, capital of Cuba, in September 1979 and recommended Iraq as the host nation of the 1982 Summit Conference of Non-Aligned Countries.

"Non-Aligned Countries Will Prevail Only If They Are United"

Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG's Message of Greetings to Conference of Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries and Joint Meeting Evoke Widespread Repercussions

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, deeply penetrating into the historic responsibility and significance of the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Non-Aligned Countries which opened in Belgrade on July 25, sent a personal message of greetings to the Conference.

The message evoked widespread repercussions as it gave a scientific insight into a number of complex problems facing the non-aligned movement at present and specified the ways for their solution.

Yugoslav President Comrade Josip Broz Tito expressed thanks for the deep attention of President Kim Il Sung directed to the Belgrade Foreign Ministers' Conference and for his excellent message of greetings.

Pool and many other foreign news agencies gave wide publicity to this message.

AP reported that in his message President Kim Il Sung pointed to the schemings of the dominationist forces including imperialism to draw the new-emerging countries into the sphere of their domination and disorganise the non-aligned movement.

It also pointed out that President Kim Il Sung urged that the non-aligned countries should not argue which nation is progressive and which is not but solve all the disputes through negotiations.

Jiji Press said the message stressed that the non-aligned countries should take appropriate measures to check outside interference and prevent the division of the non-aligned movement, disputes between the non-aligned countries should be settled by the parties concerned through negotiations by taking into full consideration their national interests and the general interests of the non-aligned movement and interference and domination by outside forces should not be allowed.

Reuter also touched on this message.

News agencies reported that in the message President Kim Il Sung indicated the ways to overcome the complicated situation created in the non-aligned movement and strengthen its unity and cohesion.

Many foreign newspapers, news agencies and radio also reported that at the Joint Meeting of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Central People's Committee of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea held on July 12 in Pyongyang, President Kim Il Sung reclarified the road to be followed by the non-aligned movement and the practical ways for achieving the unity and cohesion of this movement.

When the report on the joint meeting was made public, newspapers and news agencies of Yugoslavia, the host country of the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Non-Aligned Countries, gave wide publicity to it.

The July 18th issue of the Yugoslav paper "Borba" carried in place of honour a picture of President Kim Il Sung writing an immortal classic work and reported that he presided over the joint meeting and made an important concluding speech at the meeting.

Carrying the report, the paper underlined the title "Non-aligned countries will prevail only if they are united, unity based on independence is the source of invincible might".

On July 22 Tanjug stressed:

The non-aligned countries will prevail only if they are united. If division occurs within the non-aligned movement, its members will be destroyed. A discussion of whether one nation of the non-aligned movement is progressive or not is pointless, and member countries should not be divided into rival camps. Unity must be aspired to, on the basis of the traditional policy of non-alignment.

An appeal for unity and cohesion became a slogan in the preparatory work for the Belgrade Conference.

The Chinese paper "Renmin Ribao" said the joint meeting stressed that it is the basic problem in achieving unity and cohesion to oppose imperialism and firmly adhere to the principle and policies of the non-aligned movement and defend the intrinsic character of the movement.

Reporting about the joint meeting, Kampuchean Radio stressed: The report on the joint meeting noted the present situation makes it urgent for the non-aligned countries to form a united front against the forces of imperialism, old and new colonialism and dominationism and answer with the strategy of unity their splitting and alienating manoeuvres and scrambles.

The Hsinhua News Agency, the Burmese paper "Tsemong" and "The Working People's Daily", UPI, AFP and AP also widely reported about the joint meeting.

Korean Party and Gov't Del. Visits Iraq and Syria

The Party and Government delegation of our country headed by Comrade Pak Sung Chul was on a visit to the Republic of Iraq from July 11 to 18.

It was greeted at the airport by Taha Mohieddin Maarouf, Vice-President of Iraq.

On the 16th, our delegation was invited to the banquet given by President Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the victory of the July 17 Revolution in Iraq.

Earlier, the President of Iraq met Comrade Pak Sung Chul.

At the talk the President asked after the health of President Kim Il Sung and expressed deep thanks for his personal letter and cordial regards and for his dispatch of a high-level delegation to the functions celebrating the anniversary of the victorious revolution in Iraq.

He asked the head of the delegation to convey his regards to President Kim Il Sung.

On the same day Comrade Pak Sung Chul met Saddam Hussein, Assistant General Secretary of the Arab Socialist Baath Party and Vice-Chairman of the Revolution Command Council of Iraq, and Shibli Aysami, Assistant General Secretary of the Arab Socialist Baath Party.

Talks were held on the 13th between the Party and Government delegations of the DPRK and the Republic of Iraq, and on the 12th between Comrade Pak Sung Chul and Vice-President Taha Mohieddin Maarouf.

At the talks views were exchanged on developing the friendship and cooperation between the two countries and other problems of common concern.

The talks proceeded in a friendly atmosphere.

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The same delegation visited Syria from July 18 to 23.

The delegation was greeted at the airport by Mohamed Ali el Halabi, Premier of the Syrian Arab Republic and Member of the Regional Leadership of the Arab Socialist Baath Party.

On the 22nd, Comrade Pak Sung Chul made a courtesy call on Syrian President Hafez al Assad.

The head of the delegation courteously conveyed to him a personal letter and cordial regards from President Kim Il Sung.

The President inquired after the health of President Kim Il Sung and expressed deep thanks for his personal letter and cordial regards.

Expressing esteem for our respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, he said:

Through you, I assure Comrade President Kim Il Sung that our stand towards the struggle of the Korean people is firm.

Comrade Pak Sung Chul called on Abdullah al-Ahmar, Deputy General Secretary of the Arab Socialist Baath Party and, earlier, made a courtesy call on the Premier of that country.

A talk was held on the 19th between the Party and Government delegations of the DPRK and the Syrian Arab Republic.

At the talk the two sides discussed the problems of developing the friendship and cooperation between the two countries and the issues of common concern.

The talk proceeded in an atmosphere of friendship.

On the 20th, Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, made a courtesy call on Comrade Pak Sung Chul.

The Chairman said:

We Palestinian people and revolutionists look up to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung with profound respect and regard him as the great leader of the revolutionists.

The talk proceeded in a friendly atmosphere.

Cohesion—Source of Our Indestructible Strength, Decisive Guarantee for Victory in Anti-Imperialist Common Cause

Speech of Head of DPRK Del. at Conf. of Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries

Comrade Ho Dam, Vice-Premier of the DPRK Administration Council and Foreign Minister, who was heading the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, made a speech on July 27 at the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Non-Aligned Countries held in Belgrade.

He said:

The Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK Government attach great significance to the Belgrade Foreign Ministers' Conference.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, called a joint meeting of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Central People's Committee of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on July 12 in connection with the current conference and clarified the principled stand of our Party and the Government of our Republic toward the question of achieving unity and solidarity of the non-aligned movement at present and other problems facing this movement.

In accordance with the line set forth at the Joint Meeting of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the WPK and the Central People's Committee of the DPRK our delegation will make every effort possible to make this conference one conducive to strengthening the unity and solidarity of the non-aligned movement under the banner of anti-imperialism and independence.

The internal and external situation of the non-aligned movement is now very complex and intricate, for which our movement is undergoing vicissitude. But the general situation continues to develop in favour of the peoples marching forward under the uplifted banner of independence.

Thanks to the conjoint struggle of the non-aligned countries a number of international issues have been settled impartially.

This showed that when the non-aligned countries are united in their struggle, they can put an end to the arbitrary acts by the imperialists on the international scene and solve all problems in the interests of the people.

Noting that the course of the development of the non-aligned movement has by no means been smooth, Comrade Ho Dam said:

Feeling inquietude and horror at the development of the non-aligned movement, the imperialists are manoeuvring more stubbornly and in a more undisguised manner than ever before to offset its influence, debilitate and undermine it.

In recent years particularly, all forms of dominationist forces including imperialism, old and new colonialism and racism are hell bent on their scramble to put the non-aligned countries under the sphere of their domination by alienating and dividing them and are making crafty machinations to disintegrate the non-aligned movement.

Taking advantage of the legacies left by old colonialism such as territorial and economic questions and various other disputes and the differences in social system, faith and religion, they are driving wedges, sowing discord and inciting antagonism and enmity among the non-aligned countries, and pitting them against each other.

It causes now grave incidents in which some non-aligned countries are at feud and quarrel against each other and even provoke armed conflicts.

It is really unfortunate and heartbreaking.

It is our opinion that we should not remain mere onlookers to such situation, but should rather pool our strength to solve it.

The present abnormal situation prevailing among the members of our movement is caused by temporary difficulties that cropped up on the road of our onward movement.

The present situation urgently demands that the non-aligned countries form a united front in opposition to the imperialist, old and new colonialist and dominationist forces and counter their machinations for division, disintegration and scramble with the strategy of unity.

We consider it fundamental problems in realizing the unity and solidarity, to oppose imperialism, hold fast to the principles and policies of the non-aligned movement and maintain the intrinsic feature of our movement.

Cohesion is the source of our indestructible strength and a decisive guarantee for the victory in the anti-imperialist common cause.

Only when they are united, can they win. If they are scattered, they will be destroyed one by one. It is a truth confirmed by history.

We have to materialize our unity on the basis of the traditional non-aligned policy, without being fussy about progressive or non-progressive and without dividing into this or that party within the non-aligned movement.

The non-aligned movement is the movement advocating independence proceeding from its intrinsic mission, and its members are fighting to safeguard national independence, accomplish self-reliance in the economy and defend independence.

Nowadays no country wants to be placed under other's control or likes to be subjugated by others.

It is a common idea of the non-aligned countries; and herein lies the basis on which they can unite with each other and march together hand in hand.

We think that the disputes among the members of the non-aligned movement should be solved on the principle of unity and solidarity.

The differences and disputes occuring among the non-aligned countries should be solved through negotiations between the parties concerned, organically combining their national interests and the interests of the non-aligned movement as a whole.

As for the border disputes among the members of the non-aligned movement, we consider that they should be solved impartially on the condition that every country mutually respects the existing borders and does not go beyond the limit of the border line and that any party which crossed the existing border lines, retreats to its original position.

The imperialists are posing themselves as so-called "coordinator" of disputes, but, in fact, they make the situation more complicated, daily aggravate disputes and indefinitely delay the solution of problems.

The spearhead of attack must be directed to the imperialists who oppose, threaten and aggress on us and never should be aimed at the non-aligned countries advancing shoulder to shoulder towards the common goals.

If the non-aligned countries adhere to independence, the imperialist and dominationist forces will not be able to set foot in our movement, and no country's baton will gain strength.

The masters of Africa are the African people; the masters of Asia the Asian people and the masters of Arab the Arab people.

It is the intrinsic nature and idea of the non-aligned movement to defend political independence and the right to national self-determination and oppose foreign interference and domination.

If we give up independence against this idea and permit intervention and domination, it will create constantly complicated situation in the non-aligned movement and, further, bring about the result of opening the door to the imperialist and dominationist forces.

To be sure, it is quite natural to give assistance to the people of those countries fighting against the imperialist aggression, and this is the internationalist duty of the non-aligned countries.

But no country should either interfere in internal affairs or intervene in a civil war in other countries.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, said as follows:

"Upholding the banner of unity, the banner of anti-imperialism and independence, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, as a dignified member of the non-alignment movement, will always unite firmly and cooperate closely with other non-aligned countries in attaining the common cause of peace, democracy, national independence and social progress and make active efforts to strengthen and develop the non-aligament movement."

We reassure you that the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will make a contribution to the sacred cause of the non-aligned movement of opposing the dominationist forces including imperialism and defending independence, by discharging its noble duty assigned by the non-aligned movement.

We hold that for the just settlement of the Middle East question, first of all, an end should be put to the aggressive manoeuvres of the imperialists and Zionists against this region, they should withdraw from all the Arab lands they are occupying and the national rights of the Palestinian people be restored.

The Korean people will, in the future, too, oppose imperialism and Zionism and render support and encouragement to the just cause of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples.

We support the struggle of the peoples of the Indian Ocean countries to oppose the imperialist policy for reducing the region to military bases and turn the Indian Ocean into a peace zone and the struggle of the Asian peoples to oppose imperialism, solve all problems in Asia in the interests of the Asian people and build a new Asia, independent and prosperous.

The Korean people strongly condemn the racial discrimination policy pursued by the minority racists in southern Africa, support the liberation struggle of the peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa and the struggle of the West Saharan people for national self-determination, taking note of the resolution of the Khartoum Summit of the Organization of African Unity on West Sahara, and express firm solidarity with the struggle of all the African peoples for the complete liberation and unity of Africa.

The Korean people render support and encouragement to the struggle of the peoples in Latin America against the political and economic dominations by the imperialists in this region and for the defense of sovereignty, territorial waters and natural resources of their respective countries.

Today it is a matter of urgency to take practical steps towards maintenance and consolidation of peace and international detente.

Comrade Ho Dam continued:

It is our invariable demand to stop arms races perpetrated by the imperialists, realise general disarmament, totally ban and destroy nuclear weapons and completely withdraw all the foreign troops and foreign military bases in other territories.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people will continue to resolutely oppose the machinations of the imperialists who are hastening arms race and aggravating tension while deceiving the popular masses in empty talks behind the screen of "peace" and "disarmament" and devote their efforts to the struggle for the implementation of the resolutions on disarmament adopted at the conferences of non-aligned countries.

One of the most serious problems confronting the non-aligned countries and the developing countries at present is to establish a new international economic order.

In order to establish an impartial and equal new economic order, we should pool our strength to oppose the imperialists, advocators of old order, strengthen economic and technical cooperation among the developing countries and realize economic independence.

When the non-aligned countries help and teach each other and strengthen many-sided economic and technical cooperation on the principle of filling each other's needs, they will be able to do a great work and realize economic independence of the country without relying on big powers.

When the non-aligned countries build an independent national economy under the banner of self-reliance, they can manage the country's economic life with their own efforts, repulsing foreign interference in internal affairs and economic aggression and pressure, develop cooperation among countries on the principle of complete equality and mutual benefit and further accelerate the establishment of a new international economic order.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will, in the future, too, actively fight on to establish a new economic order against the exploitation and plunder by the imperialists by pooling strength with the non-aligned countries.

Referring to the Korean issue, he said:

Korea is the very place on which the imperialists are focusing their aggression and splitting policy in Asia.

It is a unanimous desire and a common fighting task of the Korean people, all the peoples of the non-aligned countries and the anti-imperialist forces to put an end to the aggression and the splitting policy of the imperialists and achieve peace and peaceful reunification in Korea.

Korea remains unreunified even today when more than 30 years have passed since her division. It is entirely due to the aggression, war and splitting machinations of the United States which has occupied one half of the land of Korea.

At present the US policy of aggression and division in Korea is carried out on a new phase under the signboard of "the US ground force pullout" from south Korea.

The acceleration of new war preparations by the US imperialists through large-scale arms reinforcement behind the curtain of "troops pullout", is aimed to back up their "two Koreas" plot with "strength", hold on to south Korea as their colony and military base to establish in future their domination over the whole of Korea and further strengthen their aggression, interference and control over Asia.

The arms reinforcement and the new war provocations conducted by the United States in Korea must be checked and Korea must be reunified as one.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea exerts all its efforts to remove the tension and maintain peace in Korea and to reunify the divided country at the earliest date.

We adhere to the invariable stand that the question of Korea's reunification should be solved free from any foreign interference, by the Korean people themselves and by peaceful means in accordance with the three principles and five-point policy for national reunification put forward by the respected and beloved leader Comrade President Kim Il Sung.

The Korean question is by no means a question limited only to the north and south of Korea but it is an important one directly related to world peace and security.

Only when in Korea the war policy and the manoeuvres for permanent division by the bellicose circles and splittists within and without are checked and frustrated and Korea is reunified into one, can the source of war be removed and peace ensured in Asia and, further, world peace preserved and consolidated as well.

For the peaceful solution of the Korean question, first, all the US troops and nuclear weapons should be withdrawn from south Korea, an end be put to the foreign interference in the internal affairs of Korea and the Korean Armistice Agreement be replaced with a peace agreement.

I avail myself of this opportunity to earnestly appeal to the governments of all the non-aligned countries and peace-loving peoples the world over to stage an extensive struggle to force the United States to withdraw all its troops and nuclear weapons from south Korea and hand off Korea at the earliest date so that the danger of a new war can be removed in Korea and the Korean problem be solved peacefully.

And I also call upon the governments and peoples of all the non-aligned countries actively to take various forms of solidarity measures toward opposing the "two Koreas" policy of the internal and external splittists who scheme to perpetuate the division of Korea into two and supporting the Korean people's just struggle for the country's peaceful reunification.

The Government and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will fight in firm unity with the peoples of the non-aligned countries and all the peoples of the world advocating independence to attain the ideals and goals of the non-aligned movement, upholding the revolutionary banner of anti-imperialism and independence, declared Comrade Ho Dam in conclusion.

Breakthrough Is Being Made

Today in our country a dynamic "100-day battle" is going on to greet the 30th birthday of our Republic (Sep. 9) with heightened political zeal and brilliant feats in labour and a great upswing is being brought about in socialist construction.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"Successful fulfilment of the new prospective plan depends largely on how we carry out the battle this year. A good beginning is indispensable for success in every undertaking."

After specifying the way of making a breakthrough in the fulfilment of the new prospective plan, he himself visited factories and other enterprises and rural communities in different areas including Pyongyang city, South Pyongan Province, South Hamgyong and North Hamgyong provinces and Chongjin city. Here he took steps to stoke the fires for a fresh revolutionary upswing.

Mindful of the great significance of the carrying out of the plan for this year, the first year of the Second Seven-Year Plan, our working people boundlessly faithful to the great leader are now making devoted efforts to fulfil their yearly assignments more than one month ahead of schedule in the domain of industry and attain the goal of 8.8 million tons of grain in the field of agriculture.

The "100-day battle" reflects the unanimous desire and the ardent hope of our working people to realize the new magnificent perspective plan at the earliest possible date and glorify the honour of our Republic.

Our working people are convinced that a brilliant future is in store for them when they realize the new long-range plan set out by the great leader. And they believe that there is nothing impossible when they advance along the road illumined by him. Thanks to high revolutionary zeal they display in their worthwhile battle, production and construction are now pressed ahead in very quick tempo.

In the sphere of the mining industry the development and expansion projects of coal and ore mines are being pushed forward and mining facilities are replaced with large-sized, modernized and high-speed ones. This has inevitably led to steady increase in the production of coal and other mineral ores. In the sector of the electric power industry the generating facilities are working at top capacity to boost production markedly.

Giving definite precedence to the mining and electric power industries—this is the firm guarantee that our industry, which relies on domestic raw materials and fuel, will make all-round and rapid development.

The Juche-orientation, modernization and scientification are actively promoted in all fronts of the national economy and the existing economic foundations effectively used to increase production.

The working people in the sphere of the metal industry are augmenting pig iron, luppe and steel production through better technical management of metallurgical equipment and through maximum utilization of its production capacities and they are vigorously pushing ahead with the work of strengthening the independence of the ferrous metal industry in every way.

In the domain of the engineering industry measures have been taken to largely increase the production of various machine tools, ordered equipment, tractors and other modern farm machines by introducing conveyor system, automatic production line and combined processing, actively applying pressing and moulding and firmly building up material bases.

In light industry, the Party's policy of developing central and local industries side by side is thoroughly implemented continuously and the already-gained production capacity is enhanced to the maximum, thus markedly boosting the output of consumer goods.

Fresh innovations are also brought about in capital construction which is of great significance in consolidating the country's economic foundations and further improving the people's living standard. In this field constant attention is directed to implementing the Party's policy of centralizing and industrializing capital construction. The construction of the Ponghwa Chemical Factory, the Taedonggang Power Station, the Taean Heavy Machine Plant and many other buildings envisaged in the far-sighted plan for the country's eternal prosperity is now sped up.

A new great upswing being effected in all fields of the national economy has resulted in a growing measure of success. As of June 23 the first half year plan was fulfilled: the gross industrial output value in this period was 21.6 per cent higher than the same 1977 period.

The pace of "100-day battle" is stepped up with the September holiday approaching, and miraculous successes have been achieved: Seven stations under the Kanggye Branch Bureau of the Kaechon Railway Bureau, 15 local industrial factories in South Hwanghae Province and many other units fulfilled this year's plan and the Tongdaewon Clothing Factory in Pyongyang, Kosan Vinyl Pipe Factory and many other factories completed their quotas envisaged in the "100-day battle."

Particularly to be noted here is that two spinners of the Sinuiju Textile Mill hit their targets of the Second Seven-Year Plan in six months.

In the sphere of agriculture industrialization and modernization have been stepped up and the Juche-based farming methods fully introduced. The result was that the transplanting of rice and maize seedlings was completed opportunely even under the extreme weather condition and utmost care is directed to well tending paddy and non-paddy fields. Now the prospects of the crop are splendid.

Throughout our countryside rice and maize, major crops, and all other crops are now very good. It holds out a good prospect of attaining the 8.8 million-ton grain goal.

All the achievements in the "100-day battle" testify to the wise guidance of the great leader and powerfully demonstrate the mettle of Chollima Korea that, closely rallied behind him, is vigorously advancing towards the complete victory of socialism.

Extraordinary quick tempo in production and construction created in the days of the "100-day battle"—it clearly proves again the truth of the theory that high revolutionary zeal of the working people is the decisive factor stimulating the development of the economy and shows the tremendous vitality of our socialist independent national economy.

Through this worthwhile and honourable drive, firm foundations have been laid to fulfill this year's national economic plan ahead of the set time and a breakthrough has been made to attain the magnificent new prospective plan.

Kim Su Yon

DPRK—30 YEARS

Land of Education

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had this to say:

"Education is one of the fundamental questions decisive of the issue of the revolution and the fate of the nation. Without educational work, there can be neither social progress nor national prosperity, no matter when and what nationality."

From the first days when he took up the leadership over the revolution and construction the respected and beloved leader paid deep attention to educational work and in each stage of the revolution he set forth a correct educational policy and intelligently led our people, enabling it to be thoroughly carried out.

Thanks to his wise guidance, remnants of colonial education of enslavement were liquidated in a short span of time and an advanced socialist educational system was set up. Our country has thus turned into a "land of education" and a "land of learning" where the entire people are at their books.

Everyone Studies Free of Charge

In this country, a universal compulsory educational system has been established on the principle of giving education to all people.

The basis of our education is compulsory education at school. The state introduced universal compulsory education stage by stage, with the advance of the revolution and construction and the consolidation of the foundation of the national economy. Universal compulsory primary education was introduced in 1956, universal compulsory secondary schooling in 1958 and universal compulsory nine-year technical education in 1967. And universal compulsory 11-year education giving one-year preschool training and ten-year schooling has been in force since 1972.

Universal compulsory 11-year education is based on a scientific educational system and completely free education and closely combines general education and technical education. Now all members of the rising generation receive a perfect general secondary education until they reach the working age. Along with this, all the working people are enrolled in the educational network of studying while on the job.

10 per cent of the factory and office workers study while working at factory higher specialized schools and factory colleges and they are training to become engineers and assistant engineers.

At the time of Japanese imperialist rule there was not a single institute of higher learning in the northern half of Korea. But now there are 155 universities and colleges and nearly 10,000 schools of various levels and everyone now studies to his heart's content.

The most thoroughgoing free education is given in our country on the principle of the state assuming full responsibility for the education of the people. Not only school education from kindergarten to college but also all forms of social education are free and adult education for cadres and working people is also given at state expense.

The number of nursery and kindergarten children added to over five million pupils and students of various levels now amounts to nearly half of the population. The state brings up and educates children at its expense. The expense the state bears for their education from nursery school days to the time of university and college graduation accounts for 10,000 *won* per capita.

Towards Higher Compulsory Education

A new era of socialist civilization has been opened in our country where ignorance and illiteracy prevailed in the days gone by.

Before liberation, over 80 per cent of the population were illiterates. Native intellectuals were very few. But today Korea has a large contingent of intellectuals one million strong.

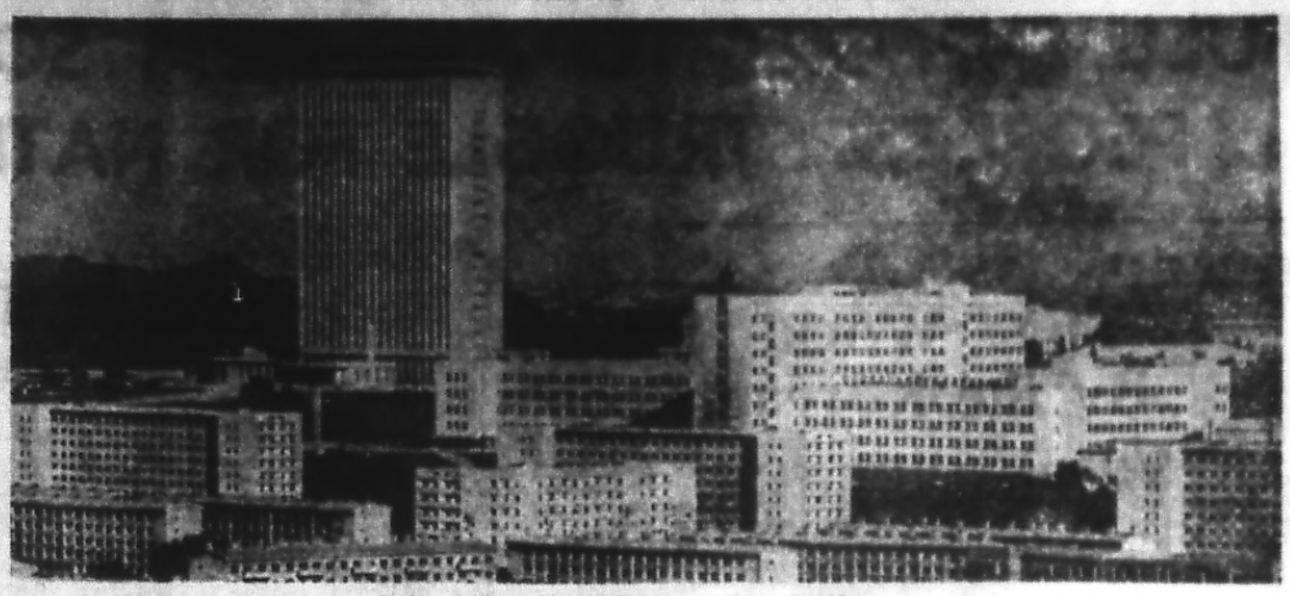
In 1976 the number of engineers and specialists amounted to 19.2 per cent of the total number of the employees working in the national economy and every cooperative farm had 55 agronomists and specialists. All the working people including the adults who were denied schooling in the former exploiter society have now acquired the cultural and technical standard of the middle school graduate or above.

Universal compulsory 11-year education is given to the rising generation and the working people's senior middle school is operated in every place where working people live and work. All the working people will have the knowledge of senior middle school graduate and more than one technique before long. Then in our country there will remain only those who are to receive higher education.

Basing himself on the deep analysis of the mature demand of our education and the requirement of our socialist construction, the respected and beloved leader set out the policy of enforcing higher compulsory education. Stress is now put on the work of more smoothly enforcing the universal compulsory 11-year education. At the same time, preparatory work is under way to enforce higher compulsory education. To this end, institutions of higher learning are built up solidly and the study-while-working educational network such as factory and farm colleges is expanded.

The path to higher compulsory education—indeed, the education in our country has entered a highest stage of development in realizing the intellectualization of the whole society by making all the working people acquire the high ideological, theoretical, cultural and technical standard as required by the ideal society of mankind.

Kim Yun Sik



A view of Kim Il Sung University, sanctuary of science

Worker-students of the Pukjung Engineering College

School for 13 Children

A good-looking school building has been constructed for 13 children in Tujibawi village, Samjiyon county, Ryanggang Province, in the northern inland area of our country.

There is a well-appointed classroom for 4 children in Munnakpyong village, Kapsan county of the said province.

A train for 19 school children runs in Ryonha village, Huchang county, and a new railway station was built for three children in Munjipyong.

Under the wise leadership and deep loving care of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the children in mountainous villages of Ryanggang Province are studying to their hearts' content like the children in the urban areas.

The province where there were only five schools before liberation has now over 570.

Last year alone, 45 schools and more than 250 classrooms were built in the province.

There are 30 schools in Samjiyon county which had not a single primary school in the past and 3 and 6 schools respectively in Sapyongri of Kapsan county and Tokrim Workers' Settlement of Paekam county, where one could hardly find a man who could read a letter before liberation.

Teachers with specialized normal education teach at schools in the province.

The province has Hyesan No.1 Normal College and two other teachers' training institutes. They send hundreds of teachers every year to schools of all levels in the province.

Thanks to the universal compulsory 11-year education the sons and daughters of the once fire-field peasants who did not know what a school was like are studying free of charge till the working age at the senior middle school after completing kindergarten and primary school courses.

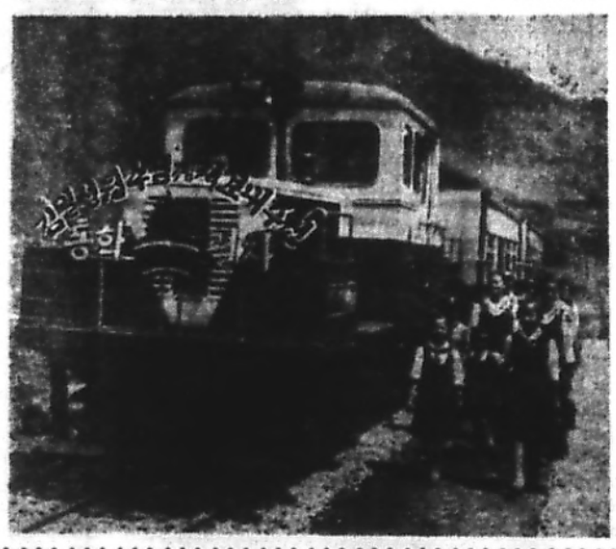
Today the number of students in the province trebled as against 1954, the year following the armistice.

This year Ryanggang Province has a plan to build schools two times and classrooms three times compared with last year.

Li In Ha

↑ Making a check on the results of reception (at the Kim Song Ju Students and Children's Palace)

← Happiness reigns over the Otan Kindergarten



→ School train is also available even in a remote mountain village

JUCHE-TYPE MAN

Lady Principal Kim Su Bok

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"The primary task of teachers is to teach well."

Here is a story about Principal Kim Su Bok of the Changjon Primary School in Pyongyang. She is a faithful educator widely known as a "master of the art of teaching". For 25 years since the start of her teacher's life, she has brought up students in her charge to be those who get excellent or good marks. So her primary school is now called a "school of honour students".

She was a 17-year-old girl with bobbed hair when she stood on the platform with poor knowledge and with no experience behind her. How, then, did she rise to fame afterwards as an educationist respected and loved by the people?

A great shock unforgettable throughout her life came to Su Bok at the beginning of her career as a teacher.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung visited her school, one of the schools which were first erected on the war debris thanks to him. He implanted the pride and high sense of responsibility of a people's teacher in the mind of Kim Su Bok who was fresh from college and still young. And he inspired her with confidence, saying she could become a fine educator if only she tried to.

Master of Art of Teaching

That day Su Bok wrote down in her diary her firm pledge to do everything possible invariably in her lifetime for the education of the rising generation whom the fatherly leader holds so dear. She is unflinching as ever in her resolution, although 25 years have gone and two children came to her.

Little wonder, when she finished a normal college course as a worker-student, she was advised to teach at a middle school, but refused. She voluntarily took charge of pupils who were just beginning to learn.

She never taught a class without visual aids after she became a teacher.

Besides teaching stuff provided by the state, there are some several thousand items of visual aid materials which she made herself to suit the emotional and psychological features and aptitude of the pupils under her charge. These vivid materials of her own make were favourably received by experts at national exhibitions of teaching stuffs, and she carried off prizes many times. Her manner of speaking and her style of writing on the blackboard during class appeal much to pupils' hearts.

Lessons she give are so suggestive that those who saw her class at work call her a "master of the art of teaching".

No child is born mentally defective. The question depends on teachers—this is her pedagogical faith.

For one thing, in her class there was a boy who was too taciturn. She educated him with a motherly affection and finally succeeded in making him speak well and brought him up as an honour student. She bent efforts to lead all the students of the classes and the school to join the ranks of honour students. There are too many instances to mention her profound sincerity and warm care shown for them.

Kim Su Bok was awarded the title of Labour Heroine, the highest honour of citizen, already long ago for her meritorious services in educational work.

Three years ago, Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of our people, visited again the Changjon Primary School and gave highly important instructions. Unforgetful of what had happened during his visit to this school over 20 years back when Comrade Su Bok was a teacher in embryo wearing bobbed hair, he encouraged her, showing deep love for and trust in her.

Comrade Kim Su Bok now continues putting all her energies into the education of the younger generation.

Yun Jong Ok

Korea Placed First

At International Friendship Junior Girls' Volleyball Games Among Socialist Countries

The International Friendship Junior Girls' Volleyball Games among Socialist Countries which opened on July 23 at the Pyongyang Gymnasium closed on the 30th.

A scene of the final game between the home team (A) and the Soviet team

At the final game the home team (A) defeated the Soviet rivals 3-1, thus winning the first place, and the home team (B) was placed third by beating Czechoslovak girls 3-0.

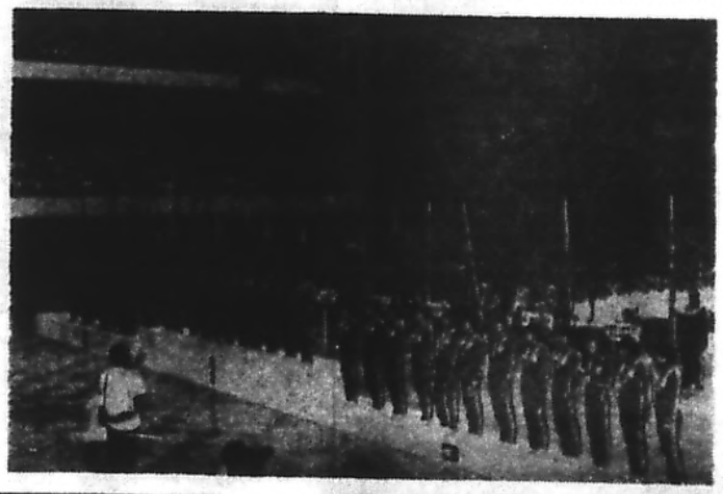
The second place went to the Soviet team and the fourth place to the Czechoslovak team.

The closing ceremony took place, attended by working people and students in the city and diplomatic representatives.

At the ceremony the result of games was issued and the trophy cup and gold medals were awarded to the DPRK team (A) and the silver and bronze medals to the Soviet team and DPRK team (B).

Amidst the performance of the Patriotic Song of our country the two flags of our Republic and the flag of the USSR were slowly hoisted.

The prize was awarded to those who merited special recognition in their standard of play.



← Korean team (A), winner; Soviet team, runner-up; home team (B), placed third

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↓ A scene of the friendship game between the team of the South Pyongan Province and the team of the Galati Workers' Club

Soccer Games

A friendship soccer match between the South Pyongan Provincial team of our country and the Romanian Galati Workers Club team was held at the Moranbong Stadium in Pyongyang on July 30. The home team got many chances for goal kicking through good passing, high speed and tactful ball handling and finally won the game 3:0.

On July 27 our Pyongyang team and the same Romanian team competed at the Nampo Stadium, and the match ended 3-2 in favour of the host team.

Earlier, the Pyongyang team beat the Czechoslovak National Junior Football Selection team by a score of 1 to 0.

On July 17, our Amnokgang team had a game with the Japan League Selection team at the Nampo Stadium. In this match our eleven took the initiative from beginning to end and downed their opponents 5-0.

Our February 8 team played a game with the said Japanese team in Hamhung. Our Moranbong team competed with this guest team in Pyongyang. The score was respectively 1-0 and 2-1 in favour of the host teams.

The Japan League Selection team had four matches here in Korea. Our boys won all these games, and the Japanese boys obtained 1 point and lost 12.

FULL SUPPORT TO AND FIRM SOLIDARITY WITH KOREAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL REUNIFICATION

EDITORIAL

The World Stands By the Korean People

The month of anti-US joint struggle was held from June 25 to July 27 on a world-wide scale in support of the Korean people's just struggle to expel the US troops from south Korea and reunify the country independently and peacefully.

Functions of the month of anti-US joint struggle took place in all parts of the world at a time when the solidarity movement of the world's people supporting the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea became more brisk than ever before. These events assumed the form of greater activeness and broader strata of people were involved in them. This year's month of anti-US joint struggle graphically shows that the solidarity movement supporting the Korean people's cause of national reunification is developing all over the world and on an unprecedented scale.

On the occasion of the month of anti-US joint struggle, messages and letters of solidarity supporting the Korean people's righteous struggle have come and are coming to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, from heads of state and leaders of many countries, progressive political parties and chiefs of embattled organizations, international bodies and social organizations, individual personages and from participants in mass meetings representing people of all strata.

Many messages of solidarity from international bodies and social organizations to their counterparts in our country arrived.

On the occasion of this month, colourful functions such as mass meetings, demonstrations and photo exhibitions were organized in socialist countries, non-aligned states and newly-independent countries and in Japan, Finland, Denmark and other capitalist countries.

In the United States an extensive demonstration and meeting lashing at the US imperialist war policy in Korea and the US troops' occupation of south Korea were held.

International democratic organizations including the Tri-Continental People's Solidarity Organization, associations for friendship with the Korean people, progressive parties, social organizations and prominent personages of all circles in various countries made public statements and appeals. Foreign newspapers, magazines, radios and TVs devoted broad space and much time to the publication of editorials and articles.

Messages, letters, solidarity meetings, statements, appeals, editorials and articles unanimously expressed unbounded respect for the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who has made a distinguished contribution to the world revolution, leading the Korean people along the road of victory, and stressed that Korea's reunification should be realized in accordance with the three principles and five-point policy for national reunification clarified by the respected and beloved leader.

Pungently castigating the "two Koreas" plot of the US imperialists and their minions, they strongly demanded that the United States withdraw its imperialist aggressor troops occupying south Korea and all lethal weapons including nuclear arms unconditionally and without delay and Carter observe his "commitments" in this respect. They also claimed that the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique should stop trying to get the US imperialist aggressor troops to remain in south Korea and should give up their fascist terror rule and resign power at once.

Voices of solidarity which mounted among the progressive peoples of the world during the month of anti-US joint struggle substantiate once again the justness and great vitality of the policy of national reunification and the independent and principled foreign policy put forward by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

At the same time, these voices give a hard blow to the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique who are scheming to block Korea's reunification, perpetuate division and create "two Koreas" at any cost.

Our people immensely value the support and encouragement manifested by many countries during the month of anti-US joint struggle and are greatly inspired by them.

The Korean people express deep thanks to governments of all countries, international organizations and international democratic bodies, progressive political parties, social organizations and friendship associations and prominent personages of all circles in various countries and the peace-loving peoples the world over for their warm support and encouragement to our righteous struggle.

As is well-known to all, the occupation of south Korea by the US imperialists is the main obstacle to Korea's reunification and the root cause of all misfortunes and sufferings of the Korean people.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"The US imperialists and their faithful stooge, the puppet clique of south Korea, are making every vicious attempt to perpetuate the division of Korea and smother the national aspirations the entire north and south Korean people cherish for the reunification of the country."

In an effort to keep south Korea in their clutches for an indefinite period, the US imperialists are stepping up the policy of aggression and war, not withdrawing from there.

The US imperialists abandoned their "commitments" regarding the "pullout" of their occupation troops in south Korea and instead are reinforcing their armed forces there. In particular, they are continuously introducing new-type weapons and military equipment into south Korea.

According to press reports, the United States is going to distribute "F-15" Eagle planes and various other types of aircraft—more than 270 in all—in south Korea and the Pacific region within the fiscal year 1978 under the operational deployment plan of the US air forces.

Along with this, the US imperialists are machinating to deliver to the south Korean puppet army up-to-date lethal weapons and operational equipment worth 8,000 million dollars within the coming 4-5 years under the name of "compensatory measures".

What is more, they mapped out an actual operational plan against our Republic, dispatched bellicose elements to south Korea for repeated war confabs with the puppets and are staging large-scale war exercises such as "78 Team Spirit"—a "joint south Korea-US operational exercise".

Meanwhile, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are dead set against the US troops' pullback from south Korea and now they keep quibbling "unification is impossible" and "division is advantageous".

Owing to these machinations of the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, the cause of Korea's reunification is encountering a greater obstacle and the situation in Korea is getting tenser.

This poses a grave menace to peace in Asia and other parts of the world.

The United States must refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of our country, desist from backing by force of arms the traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique who are hated and rejected by the people and get out of south Korea immediately in compliance with the unanimous demand of the world's people, the UN resolution and its own "commitments".

The Korean people will surely reunify the country by launching a stauncher struggle for its independent and peaceful reunification with the support and encouragement of the progressive peoples throughout the world.

The Korean people firmly believe that the progressive peoples of the world will as ever give active support and encouragement to our people's just struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

US Imperialists, Get Out of South Korea

On the Occasion of Month of Anti-US Joint Struggle

Solidarity functions were held in different countries to support the Korean people's cause of the country's independent and peaceful reunification on the June 25-July 27 month of anti-US joint struggle.

Rallies and Demo

On July 20 a mass rally was held in the capital of Democratic Kampuchea under the sponsorship of the Kampuchean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Committee for Friendship with Foreign Countries.

Addressing the rally, representatives of workers and peasants of Phnom Penh scathingly condemned the US imperialist machinations for aggression on Korea and her permanent division, and pointed out:

The US imperialists must unconditionally and immediately withdraw from south Korea, taking along their aggressor forces and all their military hardware including nuclear weapons, to let the Korean people solve the Korean question by themselves independently without foreign interference.

We fully support the three principles and five-point policy put forward by the great leader of the Korean people Comrade President Kim Il Sung for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

On July 7 a central rally was held in Tokyo, Japan, to oppose a "two Koreas" policy of US imperialism under the joint auspices of the Japan-Korea Association, the Tokyo Metropolitan Federation of the Japan-Korea Association and the Japan Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity.

Speaking at the rally, the Director of the Japan-Korea Association castigated the US imperialist act of aggression on Korea and laid bare the fact that the US imperialists and the Japanese militarists are engrossed in nefarious scheme to trigger off another war in Korea in collusion with each other. He brought to light the intrigue of the Japanese militarists to invade south Korea again.

On the same day the Norway Youth Committee for Supporting Korea's Reunification organized a rally and demo in Oslo.

The demonstrators thronged to the US embassy and the south Korean puppet embassy in Oslo, carrying placards with the words: "US imperialists, quit south Korea!", "Long live the peaceful reunification of Korea!" and "We support the south Korean people fighting against the Pak Jung Hi regime".

Rallies and demo were also organized in Poland, Guyana, Syria, Laos, Rwanda, Viet Nam, Cuba and other countries.

During this period a DPRK photo exhibition was held in Baghdad under the sponsorship of the cultural and art circles of Iraq and a DPRK book and photo exhibition was arranged in Copenhagen under the auspices of the Denmark-DPRK Friendship Association.

The citizens of capital of Sweden holding an anti-US demonstration

Statements

The Malagasy Democratic Committee for Supporting Socialist Revolutionary Charter, the Progressive de Gaullists Union of France, the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, the Secretariat of the International Union of Students, the Women's International Democratic Federation and other international organizations and social organizations of different countries issued statements respectively.

In Pakistan a joint statement was made public by political parties and social organizations—the Socialist Party, the Lawyers Association of the Lahore Region, the Federation of Trade Unions, the Peasants Association Committee, the Lahore Pakistan-Korea Friendship Association, the Pakistan Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization and the Pakistan Committee for Supporting Korea's Reunification. Statements were also made public by Aleksandar Bakocevic, Member of the Secretariat of the Presidency of the Federal Conference of the Socialist Alliance of the Working People of Yugoslavia and Chairman of the Commission for International Ties, and by Arsenio Hernandez, Permanent Delegate of the Dominican Socialist Youth Force to the Bureau of the World Federation of Democratic Youth.

Referring to the fact that the danger of war has not yet been removed and the split continues in Korea, the statements sternly censured the US imperialists and the splitters. They noted that all this resulted from the US occupation of south Korea and the "two Koreas" plot and war machination of the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

The statements urged that the United States must pull out all the lethal weapons and its troops from south Korea and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique must step down from power.

Newspapers, Magazines and Radios

Soviet papers "Izvestia" and "Krasnaya Zvezda", Romanian paper "Apararea Patriei", Romanian magazine "Lumea", Polish paper "Zycie Warszawy", Yugoslav paper "Borba", Bangladesh paper "Nayajug", Sierra Leonean paper "Sunday Flash", Gambian paper "The Gambia Outlook", Radio Kampuchea, Angolan TV and other papers, magazines, radios and TVs of various countries made public articles sharply lashing at the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique for their machinations for new war provocation and perpetual division.

The Bangladesh paper "Nayajug" said:

The progressive people of the whole world fully support the three principles for national reunification and the four-point save-the-nation proposal set out by the great revolutionary leader President Kim Il Sung.

We are convinced that the Korean people will surely foil the "two Koreas" plot of the US imperialists and win a great victory in the struggle for national reunification. We will always stand behind the Korean people in this struggle.

Yun Hae Ik

Opposing the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique (in the United States)

Dangerous War Confab

According to a report, a "south Korea-US security consultative conference", a war confab, was held on July 27 and 28 in San Diego, California, USA, with the participation of the US Defence Secretary and the south Korean puppet minister of national defense and other military high-ranking officials of masters and puppets.

At the conference, the US imperialists and the south Korean puppets "analyzed and estimated" the military situation in the Korean peninsula and its vicinity and took up the US plan for "troop withdrawal", "compensatory measures" and military assistance to the south Korean puppets for its vital discussion and elaborated in detail on the problem of putting into effect the new war provocation plan in Korea. At the end of the conference, the US imperialists and the south Korean puppets issued an aggressive "joint statement" groundlessly slandering and vilifying our Republic and revealing their black-hearted intention to further accelerate their preparations to trigger off a new war in Korea.

In the joint statement and the press interview held after the conference, the US imperialists and the south Korean puppets fussed about the fictitious threat of "southward aggression" from the north and blustered that they were going to set up a "south Korea-US combined command" within this year. The US side said that in case of war in Korea, the US would give "prompt and effective aid" to the south Korean puppets according to the "south Korea-US mutual defence pact" and it would keep south Korea under the "protection of nuclear umbrella." The US side also raved that the US would beef up its armed forces in south Korea and further strengthen the war potentials of the south Korean puppets under the deceptive guise of "troop pullout".

The whole process of the recent conference has shown that a new war provocation machination of the US imperialists against the Korean people has reached a very grave stage.

This is expressed concentrically in the fact that they have established a system for the prosecution of another war of aggression in Korea and are speeding up the building up of a "posture for the prompt involvement" of the US troops in "case of emergency".

Their decision at the conference on the formation of a "south Korea-US combined command" in south Korea is aimed at creating a favourable condition for the US imperialists to introduce their large combat forces into south Korea at any time and to command joint operations of the US troops and the south Korean puppet armed forces.

The US imperialists are increasing their combat effectiveness in south Korea in accordance with the plan to launch a war in Korea. On the other hand they have organized a large-scale task force to be dispatched to the Korean front immediately from the US mainland and the Pacific regions in case of emergency, and had it assume a posture of standing by.

What is serious in particular is the fact that they are preparing for a nuclear war against the Korean people. It is an open secret that they have deployed a large number of nuclear weapons in south Korea and are staging nuclear war exercises. At the conference they said that they would keep south Korea under the "protection" of "nuclear umbrella". This reveals their criminal intention to unleash a nuclear war in Korea without hesitation.

Facts show that the US imperialists have wound up their preparations to start a war in Korea and are now watching for a chance to light a train of powder for a war. It is clear that the US imperialists who are engrossed in preparations to ignite a new war in Korea take no account of even their "troop pullout plan" now existing in name only.

In the "joint statement" they said that they would readjust the troop pullout plan in case of a grave situation. This means that they throw away their troop pullout plan for their war gamble.

In fact, the US imperialists, under the screen of the "troop pullout", are reinforcing their aggressive forces including air forces and military equipment and handing over a huge amount of latest lethal weapons to the south Korean puppets.

Owing to the frantic war preparations of the US imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique, tensions in the Korean peninsula are becoming more acute as the days go by and the danger of northward aggression is growing more and more. Nevertheless, they are shamlessly clamouring about the fictitious threat of "southward invasion".

The US imperialists should stop their war preparations at once and withdraw all their troops and lethal weapons from south Korea completely and immediately.

Li Jip

Singapore Greets 13th Anniv. of Independence

August 9 is the 13th anniversary of the national independence of the Singaporean people. The independence of their country in 1965 was an epoch-making event in their history.

In the past 13 years they have scored great successes in their endeavours to consolidate national independence and create a new life.

In Singapore where entrepot trade has developed from old times much effort is still devoted to this field. Thus the number of ships that entered the port of Singapore in 1977 was 1,211 more than in 1976 and the traffic capacity of this port in 1977 increased 10.6 per cent as compared with 1976.

The government strives to overcome the limitation of the country's industry that leaned on the processing industry related with entrepot trade and to create new industrial branches.

Consequently, in the Jurong industrial estate in the southwestern part of Singapore there have appeared the Jurong Steel Plant with an annual capacity of 400,000 tons and a series of other industrial establishments such as shipyard, cement factory, match plant and textile mill.

In recent years the processing industry has progressed apace.

In the first half of 1977 the output of products in this domain showed a 9.1 per cent growth over the same period of 1976.

In particular, oil and timber processing industries hold a great share.

In 1976 the production in oil processing industry accounted for 41.2 per cent of the total industrial output value.

The shipbuilding industry has likewise developed rapidly. In 1976 seven hundred ships (430,000 in gross tonnage) including a tanker of 92,000 ton class were launched.

The government and people of Singapore show their understanding and sympathy for the just cause of our people fighting for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

Cherishing the friendly relations with the Singaporean people, the Korean people congratulate them on the 13th anniversary of their independence and wish them more admirable successes in their future struggle to build a new society.

Kim Gyong Hui

A shipyard in Singapore

Jamaica: 16 Years Old

The Jamaican people mark the significant 16th anniversary of their national independence.

With the country's independence on August 6, 1962, the Jamaican people embarked upon building a new life.

Under the banner of anti-imperialism and independence, they are registering good results in their struggle to oppose imperialist domination, defend national sovereignty and achieve economic independence.

They are nationalizing companies and other facilities owned by foreign imperialist monopolies and are regaining lost concessions. The government has seized the shares of the US company "Reynolds Metals" which had monopolized bauxite mining and aluminium production in Jamaica for 25 years.

Following the independence, the government has been directing great efforts to the development of the national economy, particularly the development of the small-scale industry. In recent years four combined factories of the small industry with 56 shops came into being.

Fisheries are also developing rapidly. In a port of Kingston, capital of Jamaica, a fishery office with an annual treatment capacity of 30 million lb. of fish was built with an investment of 4.5 million Jamaican dollars.

Externally the Jamaican government is enforcing the non-alignment policy and is opposed to imperialism, colonialism and racism. Jamaica is taking concerted action with Latin American countries in the struggle to destroy the old international economic order and establish a new one.

The friendship between the Korean and Jamaican peoples is further being promoted with the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 1974. Development of friendly relations between Korea and Jamaica not only conforms with the interests of the peoples of the two countries but also accords with the trend of our times when imperialism is going to ruin and the new-emerging forces are winning victory after victory.

The Korean people will as ever make every possible effort to develop the relations of friendship and cooperation with the Jamaican people.

Li Hui Yong

HAIL HOLIDAY OF SWISS PEOPLE

August 1 is the birthday of the Swiss Confederation.

On this occasion the Korean people send warm congratulations and greetings to the Swiss people.

In its external activity, the government of Switzerland, pursuing the policy of "neutrality", endeavours to have good relations with all countries of the world.

At the end of 1974 the diplomatic relations between Korea and Switzerland were established. This marked an important turning-point in deepening understanding between the two peoples and developing their relations of friendship and cooperation.

The justice- and peace-loving people of Switzerland render full support to the struggle of peoples against the policy of aggression and war of the imperialists, colonialists and racialists and for national independence and freedom.

In particular, they express active support to and solidarity with our people's just struggle to reunify the country independently and peacefully without interference of outside forces.

A clear proof of this is the appearance of organizations for solidarity with the Korean people including the Swiss Committee for Supporting Korea's Reunification and the solidarity movement which is going on on an extensive scale.

A recent gathering which was held in Basel on the occasion of the month of anti-US joint struggle denounced the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique for their manoeuvres for provocation of a new war and for their suppression of the people and strongly demanded the implementation of the resolution of the 30th session of the UN General Assembly on the Korean question.

This is a great encouragement to the Korean people fighting for a just cause.

As hitherto, so in the future, the Korean people will make active efforts to further develop the friendly relations with the people of Switzerland.

Hwang Tae Ryong

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